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TAGS: AWACS, MILI, OCON

SUBJECT: NATO AEW

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO MINISTER LEBER FROM  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN:

BEGIN TEXT:

MARCH 31, 1977

DEAR GEORG:

AS I AM SURE YOU SHARE OUR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE UNITED  
KINGDOM HAS NOW DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THE NIMROD. THE  
QUESTION BEFORE US NOW IS, HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE.

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SECONDLY, AS I MENTIONED TO YOU DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS  
HERE IN WASHINGTON A LIMITED AEW FORCE COVERING ONLY THE  
CENTRAL REGION IS NOT THE BEST FALLBACK POSITION.

ACCORDINGLY, I AM PLANNING TO SEND A LETTER TO SECRETARY

GENERAL LUNS ON APRIL 4 (BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON) REQUESTING THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO DEVELOP A RESTRUCTURED NATO AEW PROGRAM ON A PRIORITY BASIS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AS MUCH AWACS FLANK COVERAGE AS FEASIBLE. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD MOVE ON WITH SUCH A RESTRUCTURED PROGRAM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE MARCH 25TH DPC AND TO SIGNAL THAT THE ALLIANCE IS CAPABLE OF RESPONDING RAPIDLY TO PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE. IN THIS WAY WE COULD RETAIN THE JULY 1ST TARGET DATE SET IN THE DPC COMMUNIQUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON A NATO AEW PROGRAM.

I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VIEWS ON THIS APPROACH.

SINCERELY, HAROLD. END TEXT.

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